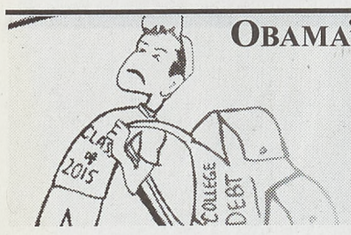
3-4-15



OBAMA'S LAST PUSH
FREE TUITION.
OPINION 2

MONARCHS' CLUBS ON DISPLAY
CLUB DAY.
VALLEY LIFE 3

BLACK HERITAGE HONORED
MOVIE SCREENING.
VALLEY LIFE 3

RESILIENT LADY MONARCHS
COMEBACK VICTORY.
SPORTS 4

THE VALLEY STAR

THE INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

VOLUME 82, ISSUE NO. 2 | MARCH 4, 2015 | WWW.THEVALLEYSTAR.COM

VALLEY LIFELINE

Help on tap for transfer students

■ A leg up on the next step.

BY AMANDA CAVARRETTA
COPY EDITOR

Valley College's 23-percent transfer rate ranks among the top in the Los Angeles Community College District.

Transferring to a four-year college can make a big difference in an eventual career. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) reported that the average starting salary for graduates with a bachelor's degree has risen 5.3 percent over the past couple years. PayScale.com says the difference between starting salaries for those with two- and four-year degrees averages around 20 percent.

"Transferring to a four-year college is so important," said Clive Gordon, director of Valley's counseling department's Career/Transfer Center. "Think transfer, and think transfer early."

Valley's 23-percent rate is third in the district, trailing only Pierce and East Los Angeles College (number one with 28 percent), yet Gordon is pushing to increase it.

"We don't have the mind set of transfer like East does, but Valley is trying to change," he said. "Our developmental pathways for transfer are far behind."

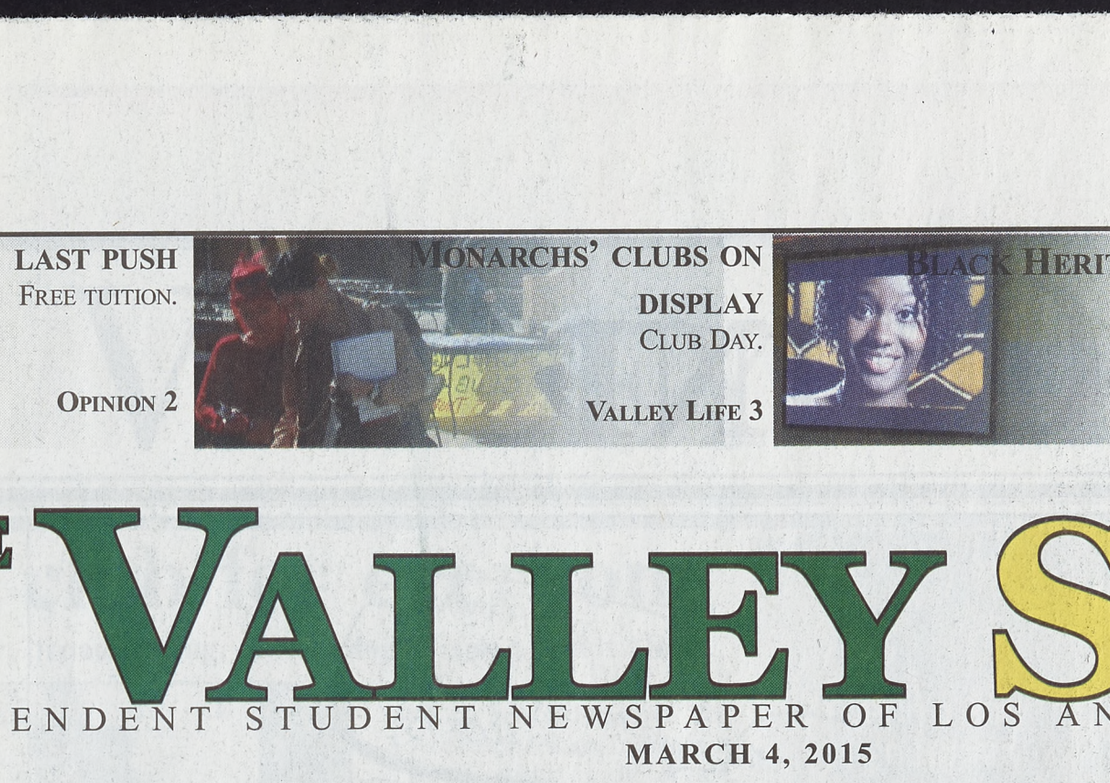
Gordon wants students to think of Valley as their stepping stone. The Career/Transfer Center offers programs to help students stay on track and prepare for transfers. Programs include: The Transfer Alliance Program (TAP), which offers honors classes to prepare students for their university-level studies; the TRiO/SSS Program, which is a support system (counseling and tutoring) for first-generation (first in your family), low-income, and disabled students; and the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), which offers counseling, tutoring, textbook vouchers, workshops, and other services.

Throughout the year, representatives from CS and UC schools visit Valley to help students with any questions or guidance needed. Transfer workshops are available every semester, and field trips to various universities are offered.

Counseling Department Contact Hours: Student Services Annex (818) 947-2600 ext. 4200. Mon.-Thurs. 8a.m.-7p.m., Fri. 8a.m.-2p.m.

March 4, 2015: Major & Career Exploration Workshop organized by EOPS Office. Contact: LAVC EOPS Office, Veronica Enriquez, (818) 947-5766, enriquv@lavc.edu

IT DOES RAIN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

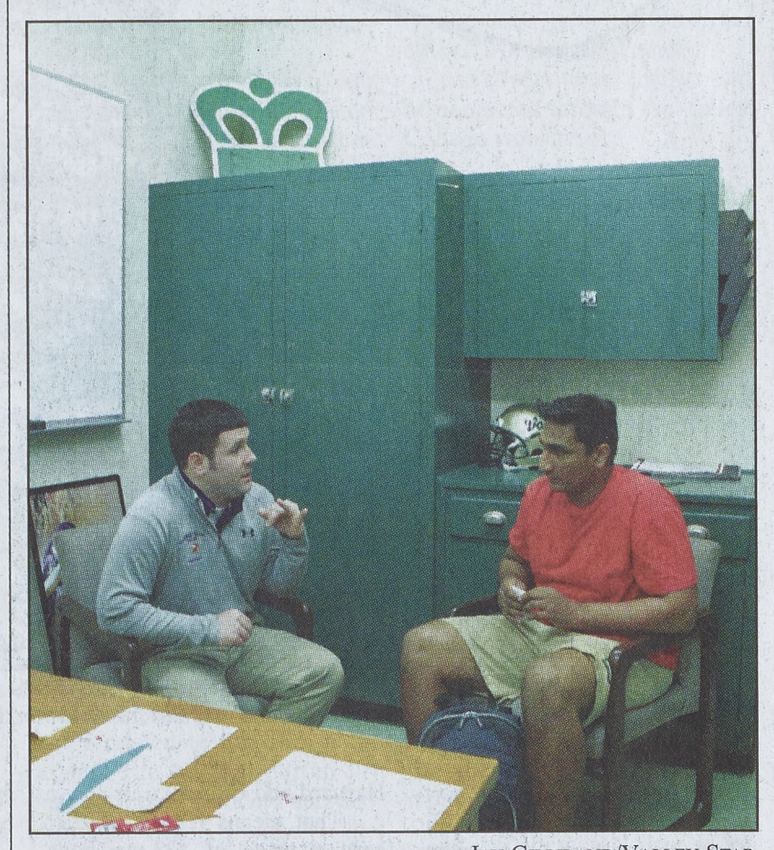


DAVID DINWIDDIE/VALLEY STAR

GLOOMY - Heavy rain forced campus workers to place sandbags down to protect construction site.

Update on ASU President

■ President Sandhu talks about his journey and future plans in his last term.



JAY GILLILAND/VALLEY STAR

IN DEMAND- ASU President Sandhu listens intently to a recruiting pitch by Missouri Valley College wide receiver coach Blaise Holzer.

BY JORGE BELON
MANAGING EDITOR

ASU President Sami Sandhu sat down with a Valley Star reporter on a breezy Thursday afternoon to recollect 2014's whirlwind fall semester and explain his plans for the final months of his term.

Q: How do you feel you have done so far?
A: So far I think we have been doing a good job. I would rate us an eight out of a 10 with student benefits. Overall I rate myself a five, the main reason for that is because last semester was spent learning paper work. I also had to learn how to balance stuff with my personal schedule. For this semester, we are moving quicker because I now know-how things work and also I have taken less classes so I can just concentrate on my presidency.

Q: What are your accomplishments so far?
A: We got the students discounts in the communities, with the Community Discount Card.

Q: What is the Community Discount Card?
A: This is a card that gives discounts for a variety of stores that are within your community. So far it is only useful in three cities [Burbank, North Hollywood, and Van Nuys.] You can get a discount at Jiffy Lube, KFC, and Subway. It is helping the local communities with business growth.

Q: Do you plan on improving the Community Discount Card?
A: It is going to grow. We are still in the process of that.

Q: How does one get a Community Discount Card?
A: Students can qualify for a Discount Card by paying the $10 ASU fee.

Q: What were your downfalls and why?
A: Personally, I feel like that I could have done more. I was trying to convince the Board of Trustees to keep pushing for the new Media Arts Building to get completed, but I was not able to change that, so I feel like I have failed the students of media arts on the campus. Also in terms of transfer, I have tried but it is not in my power to do anything about it. I tried to run for a seat on the Board of Trustees, so I could have more of an impact. But I was unable to get endorsements, so I lost.

Q: How are you able to recover from those downfalls, particularly the transfer rate failures?
A: Since I was not able to get a seat on the Board of Trustees and improve transfer rates, my next goal is to make students experiences better with events and activities. As a result, they will become more active on campus, vote to make some changes, and hopefully, by improving their experience, they have a reason to transfer or graduate. Also, we are working with the Athletic Department to have an amateur boxing match between Valley and Pierce College. We are just waiting for the insurance policy and a final date to get approved and students and non-students will be able to see the fight.

Also we are working on idea of having a text system, where we will send the students a text of an event on campus or any service for students so they can attend. This plan is currently

please see *Sandhu* page 4

Through the "Crucible" of war to the stage

■ Monarch Army veteran appears in campus production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible."

BY YESENIA BURGARA
STAFF WRITER

Peter Nuoffer lost himself after dropping out of high school.

"I'm either going to do something with my life or I'm going to die," he thought as he struggled with substance abuse as a teen. "I'm going to be a wasted person who never did anything, and I don't want to be that person."

That was the beginning of his 15-year career in the U.S. Army, during which he received 39 individual awards, including an Army Commendation Medal with a "V" device for valor in combat. And now the 36 year old theatre major faces another kind of test: playing Governor Judge Danforth in "The Crucible" at Valley.

"I want to be a big movie star," he said as an 8 year old, and he acted in the movies such as, "Sling Blade." By age 10, Nuoffer was taking conservatory acting classes, and began acting at community theaters.

"That is when I fell in love with the idea of being able to be someone else, and experience what someone else is experiencing," explained Nuoffer.

His ultimate goal now, is to receive his bachelor's degree and a master's in Theater of Arts at UCLA and obtain a single-subject credential to teach high school students and guide them in a positive direction.

He joined the Army in 1999, eventually rising to the rank of sergeant. His "V" Device came after holding ground for three hours in Iraq against overwhelming odds.

"There are things that'll keep you up at night ... I don't talk about the good moments and I don't talk about the bad moments," said the decorated combat veteran. He did share one of his favorite moments: In Iraq in 2003, he and a friend were playing a game of spades that took them to the finals in a division tournament.

"It was one of the best times of my life," he said, the memory eliciting joy even now. "I think it was 526 to negative 30, some ridiculous score - that moment him and I played while my buddies had gone to watch us; there's nothing that equates to that, the bond with my fellow soldiers, a brotherhood that doesn't exist out here."

Nuoffer is now in the Army Reserve, and has resumed his acting career. He has appeared in such shows as "NCIS," "CSI," and "Grey's Anatomy." He has also acted in the movies "Transformers" and "Twilight," has been in music videos, done voice work for "Call of Duty," and was a videogame consultant for two years.

He says he's comfortable in the roles he's often cast in: soldier, cop, lawyer, manager or paramedic. He's drawn to their firm beliefs, as in the case of Danforth in "The Crucible."

"The beauty of this character is that he is not wrong. He's not right, but he is not wrong," he says of the judge who decides whether to execute citizens accused of witchcraft. "In his head he is doing the right thing, this is what he's supposed to do. I feel a connection with Danforth since my father is a minister and I grew up in a Lutheran household, and Christianity was the only way."

Nuoffer says people might consider Danforth the villain, but after they watch "The Crucible" their idea of good and bad might change. "It might give people the opportunity to look at something that they know is just one way and realize it isn't. I also challenge them to ask themselves if the witches were real or not."

The troubled teenager-turned decorated soldier-turned actor, enjoying his "promotion" from sergeant to Governor Judge, says of all his military accomplishments, his favorites are his five Good Conduct Medals, "Which mean I managed to stay out of trouble, which is an accomplishment if you look at who I was before I joined."

ARIANE AZAR/VALLEY STAR

VETERAN IN A NEW FIELD - From the battle field to the theater stage, Peter Nuoffer always conquers in flying colors.

Put higher education in reach

■ President Obama's free community college proposal is as good an idea as it seems to be.

BY SARA ALMALLA
STAFF WRITER

Obama's term is coming to an end, but he will not be leaving the office without one last ambitious initiative: free community college for students all over the country. As it should be.

Although the viability of his proposal, "America's College Promise," was met with concern and suspicion by many people, most college students embraced his plan with open arms.

"So long as it doesn't hurt the average person and the economy, it's a great idea! He is about six years too late, though; I would have loved that when I was 18 and beginning college," said Ibrahim Elzein, marketing major.

Those opposed to this proposal lack the knowledge of the long-term economic benefit that this investment will return. Although it may seem to be an excessive government expenditure (60 billion dollars over 10 years), the payoff will be substantial. It would reduce unemployment and increase the GDP (gross domestic product) according to the U.S. department of education.

Aside from an economic point of view, it has been estimated by the Apollo Research Institute that approximately two-thirds of college dropouts occur because students can no longer afford to pay their tuitions. With the implementation of the president's proposal, no hardworking students will be forced to drop out.

In Obama's speech, he discussed the future in the work force, stating that by the end of the decade, "two in three job openings will require some higher education." Yet, too many Americans cannot afford to get one. As of right now, 59 percent of U.S jobs require some type of post-secondary education, according to Georgetown University. College tuition has increased drastically in the past several decades, so it's no surprise that fewer and fewer students are attending college each year.

Free tuition sounds almost too good to be true, and it definitely will not be available to everyone. According to the administration, only students who attend their college at least half the time, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and actively work towards transferring, will be eligible.

"Put simply, what I'd like to do is to see the first two years of community college free for everybody who is willing to work for it," said Obama in a video message released by the White House.

During his speech, Obama referred to the Tennessee Promise program, which, much as his own proposal, offers free college tuition to high school graduates if they can enroll as full time students and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Having these opportunities available to any high school student not only relieves the stress created by financial issues, but generates higher expectations for these students to achieve a post-secondary education.

ACP, however, will benefit students of all ages—not just recent high school graduates.

As Obama stated, "Some are young and starting out, some are older and looking for a better job, some are veterans and single parents trying to transition back into the job market."

And it is never easy. Having access to a real education should not end at high school when attaining a stable job requires more than that.

Admittedly, free college tuition does not mean better-quality education, but it is one step closer to the college experience that fulfills America's promise.

SARA ALMALLA/VALLEY STAR

COLLEGE DEBT - The reality of the students' struggle to afford a college education.

THE VALLEY STAR INFO & STAFF

THE VALLEY STAR is published by students of the Journalism and Photography classes as a learning experience, offered under the college journalism instructional program.

Under appropriate state and federal court decisions these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Materials published herein, including any opinions expressed and advertisements should not be interpreted as the position of the Los Angeles Community College District, the college, or any office or employee thereof.

Editorials are the opinion of the editorial board only and do not necessarily represent those of the entire staff. **Columns** are the opinion of the writer. **Letters** are the opinions of the reader.

Editorial and Advertising Offices
are located at
5800 Fulton Avenue
Valley Glen, CA 91401
(818) 947-2576.

EDITOR IN CHIEF & NEWS EDITOR
Kevin Buckles Jr.

VALLEY LIFE EDITOR
Zaida Diaz

SPORTS EDITOR & MANAGING EDITOR
Jorge Belon

OPINION EDITOR
Julien Metzmeyer

COPY EDITOR
Amanda Cavarretta

ONLINE EDITOR
Monessa Chahayed

PHOTO EDITOR
Agustin Ángel Flores

STAFF WRITERS
Sara Almalla, Yesenia Burgara & Mikayla Foss

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS
Ariane Azar, David Dinwiddie & Jay Gilliland

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Chip Rudolph

ADVISERS
Bill Dauber, Rod Lyons & Michael Ordoña

A lifeline to a sinking boat?

■ Doubling - or even tripling - the minimum wage is no longer enough to live in Los Angeles.

BY JULIEN J. METZMEYER
OPINION EDITOR

Raising the minimum wage has become a priority for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. But even doubling it wouldn't lift 1 million Angelenos out of poverty. Tripling it might not even do it.

"The minimum wage shouldn't be a poverty wage. Angelenos working full time should be able to afford to live in our amazing city," Garcetti told LAMayor.org.

The current minimum wage is $9 an hour, which works out to $18,720 a year. Mayor Garcetti's "Raise the Wage LA" campaign seeks to lift hourly pay to $13.25 an hour by 2017, which would equal about $27,500 a year.

However, the cost of housing has gone up so much that even raising the minimum wage to $15.25 an hour, as some on the city council have proposed doing by 2019, would not go very far toward solving the problem. $15.25 an hour totals less than $32,000 a year, but in order to purchase the median-priced home in Los Angeles ($570,500), you'd need to earn about $96,500 a year, according to HSH.com, a mortgage information website.

For renters, it takes an income of about $68,500 a year to be able to afford the average apartment in Los Angeles county, according to Matt Schwartz, president and chief executive of the California housing partnership, which advocates for affordable housing. On the other hand, the median income in Los Angeles is about $49,500, according to census numbers from 2009-2013. So it's no surprise that the "amazing" Los Angeles has been rated America's most unaffordable city for renters by Harvard and UCLA.

That means renters need to earn a wage of $33 an hour, based on the average L.A. county apartment rental price of $1,716 a month. An apartment is considered affordable when you spend no more than 30 percent of your paycheck on rent, but the average renter in Los Angeles spends 47 percent, according to LAMayor.org.

Raising the minimum wage would affect 567,000 workers in L.A., so it's hard to be against it, but at the end of the day, it won't enable those families to afford a life not consumed by working frantically just to stay afloat.

"Every little bit helps, but even if you doubled the minimum wage, it wouldn't help most low-income families find affordable rental housing in Los Angeles," said Schwartz.

Those hard-working families who often work two jobs or more deserve better than just surviving in the City of Angels, but it might take divine intervention to get there.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY NICK ANDERSON/WWW.SBLOG.BE

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE - The greed of the rich hurt the hard-working families the access to an affordable living.

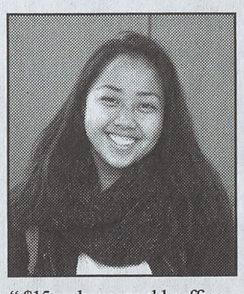
CampusView

What minimum wage salary do you think will suffice to help those in poverty?

PHOTOS BY ARIANE AZAR, VALLEY STAR

"I would say that there shouldn't be a change on the wage, the trickle effect would cause for increase in cost merchandise ."

SAKIB SALEHADDIN, UNDECIDED



" $15 an hour would suffice to help those in pverty because it is more reasonable to live on rather than $9 ."

JOAN CRUZ, CHILD DEVELOPMENT

" $10 SHOULD SUFFICE. IF THOSE IN POVERTY WANT MORE MONEY, THEY CAN TRY TO GET HIGHER PAYING JOB."

JOSE SUNGA, NURSING

"Being in a job that only gives me $9/hour, I know that $9 would be enough to have a place to live.

KATHERINE CASTELLANOS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

" $15-$16 should work out well for the minimum wage.."

CASSANDRA BARRERA, PUBLIC HEALTH

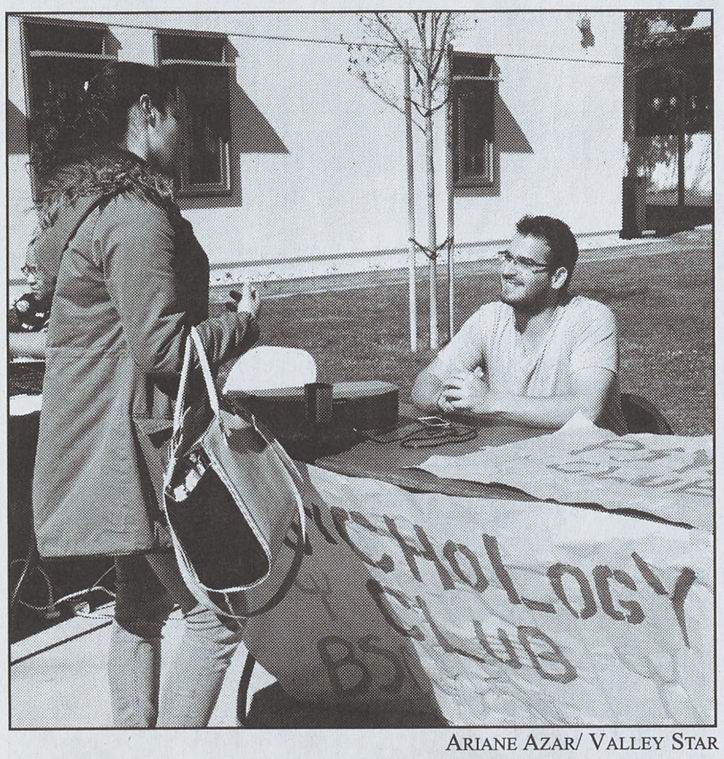
For additional content please visit:

www.thevalleystar.com

VALLEY LIFE

There's a club for everyone

■ **Are you into psychology, broadcasting, or sociology? You are not alone.**



ARIANE AZAR/ VALLEY STAR

PSYCH BOOTH - Mereat Askander (left) and Saam Shirazian, President of the Psychology Club, analyze her interest in joining the organization.

BY YESENIA BURGARA
STAFF WRITER

The Black Student Union (BSU) hosted Club Day last Wednesday in front of the Student Service Center. Clubs informed students about their organizations, recruited members with similar beliefs, and sparked new interests in others.

The Valley Collegiate Players started in 1958 and is one of the oldest clubs at Valley. With over 80 members, they help everyone find a place in the world of theater. They meet Fridays at 2 p.m. in the theater building, where they plan events such as game nights, ice cream socials and fundraising events.

"We are like family," said VCP member Francisco Yasin. "If one of us graduates, we help each other find auditions."

With 30 active members, the Broadcasting Club meets on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in Humanities 112. Their main goal is to build awareness about the campus to the students. They want students to know that the campus radio is a voice for Monarchs with an interest in mass communication. They hold live remotes, help ASU, and visit high schools. This semester they will host a Battle of the Bands on campus.

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a positive, safe space for students to express themselves and receive support. GSA meets Mondays in Foreign Language (FL) 102 at 1:30 p.m. They discuss topics such as how to become allies, ethic issues about sexuality, and other serious issues. They even have scholarship opportunities for the LGBTQ community.

The Eco Advocates is a club that educates people about sustainability; they discusses environmental, social issues and focus on personal success. Eco Advocates meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Allied Health & Sciences Center (AHS) 152. They also bike ride and hike together. They work together with organizations such as Heal the Bay, helping to clean up beaches and Let's Clean Up Los Angeles, which helps to feed the homeless and clean the streets of L.A. In April, they will have an Arbor Day Festival on campus, inviting organizations such as Honey Love and Tree People.

Monarchs interested in examining society can join the Psych Club. It meets Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Behavioral Sciences (BSC) 105 and aims to educate people and answers any questions related to psychology.

The BSU considers issues such as black representation in media and helps with school events. They meet Mondays at 1 p.m. in FL 112.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Campus Center (CC) 4, the Anime club meets to discuss anime culture. They teach how to start comics and how to digitalize. They also discuss censorship in anime, manga, and cosplay.

The Sociology Club is a place where people come together in a fun environment and make sociology personal; they meet Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in BSC 103. The club holds small events in community hang outs, fundraisers like this year's Halloween fair, and have club-relation conferences in which they focus on one topic (this year's being Leadership).

Finally, the TAP (Transfer Alliance Program) Club helps honor students. Meetings are Mondays at 1p.m. in BSC 102. Among their activities, they facilitate a scholarship contest.

ASU-registered clubs can be contacted through the Valley College website.

BLACK HERITAGE CELEBRATION

The woman in the mirror

■ **"Dark Girls" sparks conversation among Monarchs about self-devaluation.**

BY ZAIDA DIAZ
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

"Black Heritage Celebration" (BHC) came to an end last week as Monarchs filled the seats in the Student Services Multi-Purpose Room for a screening of "Dark Girls."

The 2011 controversial documentary, by Directors Bill Duke and D. Channsin Berry, explores the issue of colorism internationally and in modern day America.

It looks specifically at the negative impact that culturally-based ideals of beauty affect self-esteem in dark-skinned women.

The film features various interviews with dark-skinned women from different walks of life, who recall their struggle with beauty standards.

"I can remember being in the bathtub, asking my mom to put bleach in the water so my skin would be lighter and so that I could escape the feelings that I had about not being as beautiful, as acceptable, as lovable," said one woman.

The documentary revealed the huge market for skin whitening products, claiming that its sales grew from $40 to $43 billion worldwide in 2008.

Toward the end, the film called dark-skinned women to embrace who they are.

Afterward, Associate Professor of African-American Studies Keidra Morris led a discussion by asking students about their reaction to the film.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the documentary," said social work major Anna Pitonyak. "Something that I learned, that I hadn't realized within the Black community was the hatred toward each other like about their own skin color being darker or lighter."

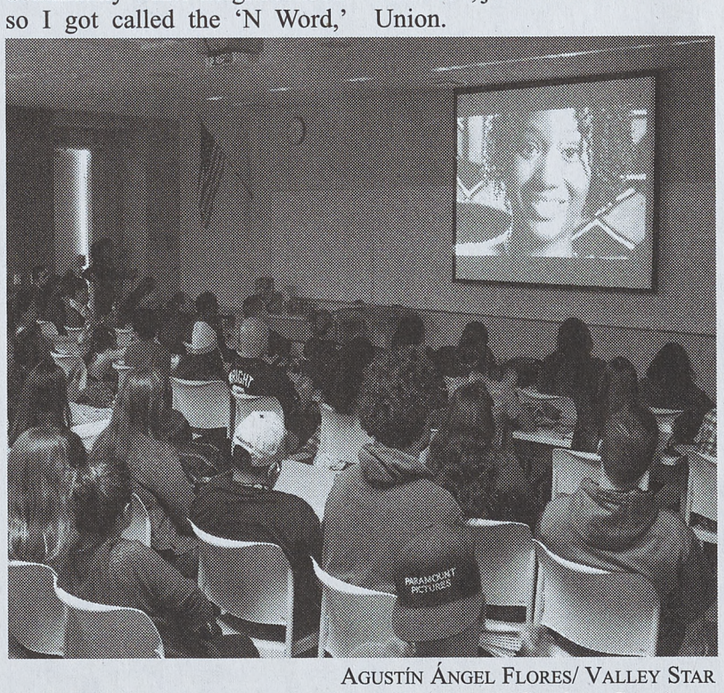
Some students went on to share personal stories about experiences with discrimination.

"I related to this film a lot because I'm originally from Japan, but I didn't understand discrimination until I came to the states," said music major Morena Holland. "I grew up in a predominantly white neighborhood so I got called the 'N Word,' but when I would go to a black community they were like 'well you're not black enough cause you're mixed.'"

Morris explained the importance in recognizing the roots of colorism, in order to understand how structural racism is still alive today.

"It's not just for them [dark-skinned women], but it's also for a larger society to understand the things that they go through and how these things negitively impact them," said Morris. "I think it puts the responsibility on us as a larger society, because we as a society do participate in it."

To become part of the conversation, join the Black Student Union.

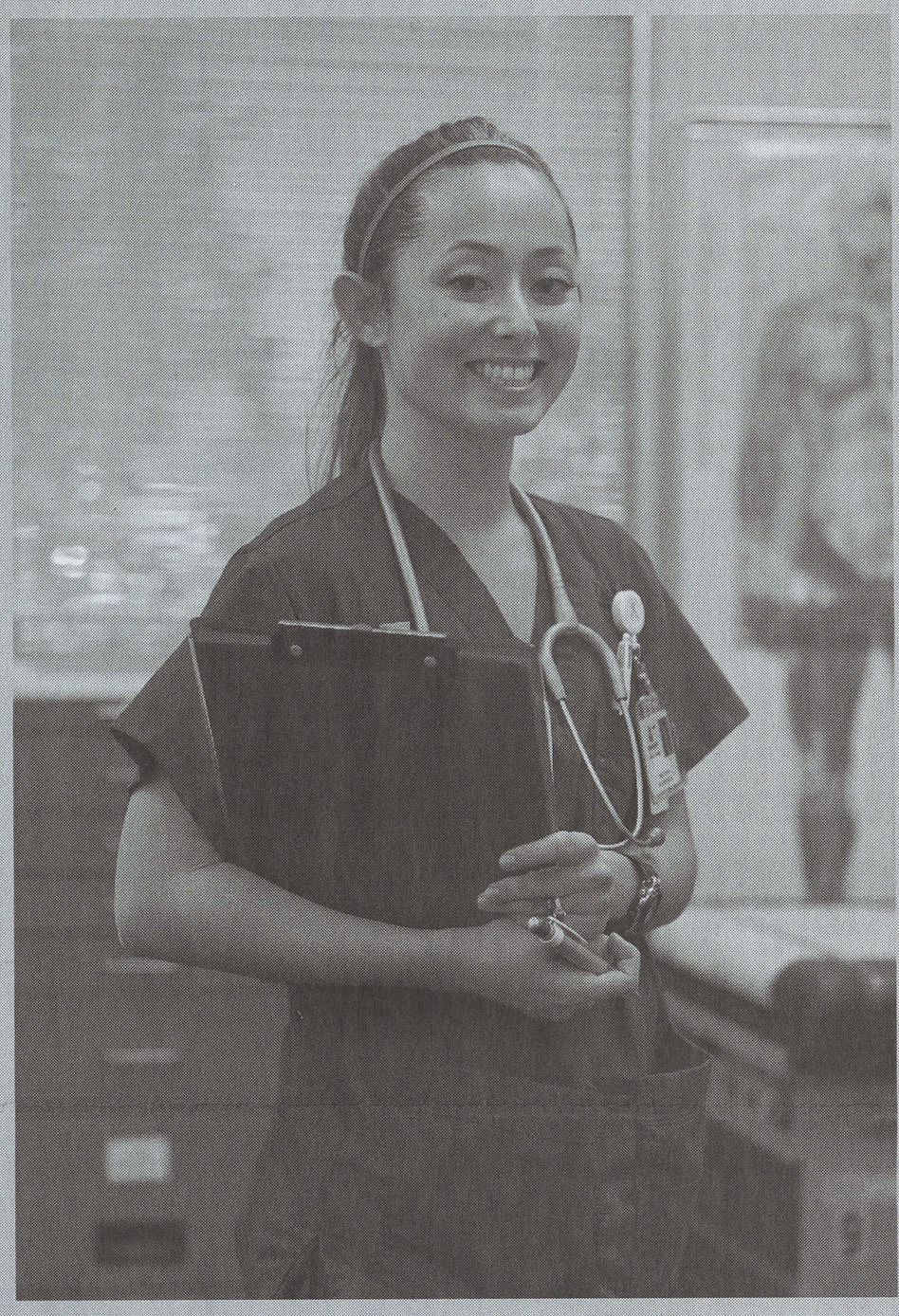


AGUSTÍN ÁNGEL FLORES/ VALLEY STAR

SCREENING - Monarchs view "Dark Girls" in the Student Services Multi-Purpose Room last Thursday to culminate BHC.

RN TO BSN PROGRAM

Azusa Pacific University
School of Nursing



ADVANCE YOUR NURSING CAREER
Earn an RN to BSN at Azusa Pacific

Further your nursing education and develop the skills and knowledge needed for a deeper level of patient care with Azusa Pacific University's accelerated Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Study at one of four Southern California locations or online, and learn effective, compassionate health care practices from experienced faculty in a supportive Christian environment.

At a Glance

Program Units: 40
Average Completion Time: 15 months
Cost Per Unit: $560*
Accredited by CCNE and WASC

*Scholarships available. Contact your program representative for details.

Learn more or apply today!
apu.edu/rnbsn
pesadmissions@apu.edu
(626) 815-5304

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
God First Since 1899

HIGH DESERT | INLAND EMPIRE | MONROVIA | SAN DIEGO | ONLINE

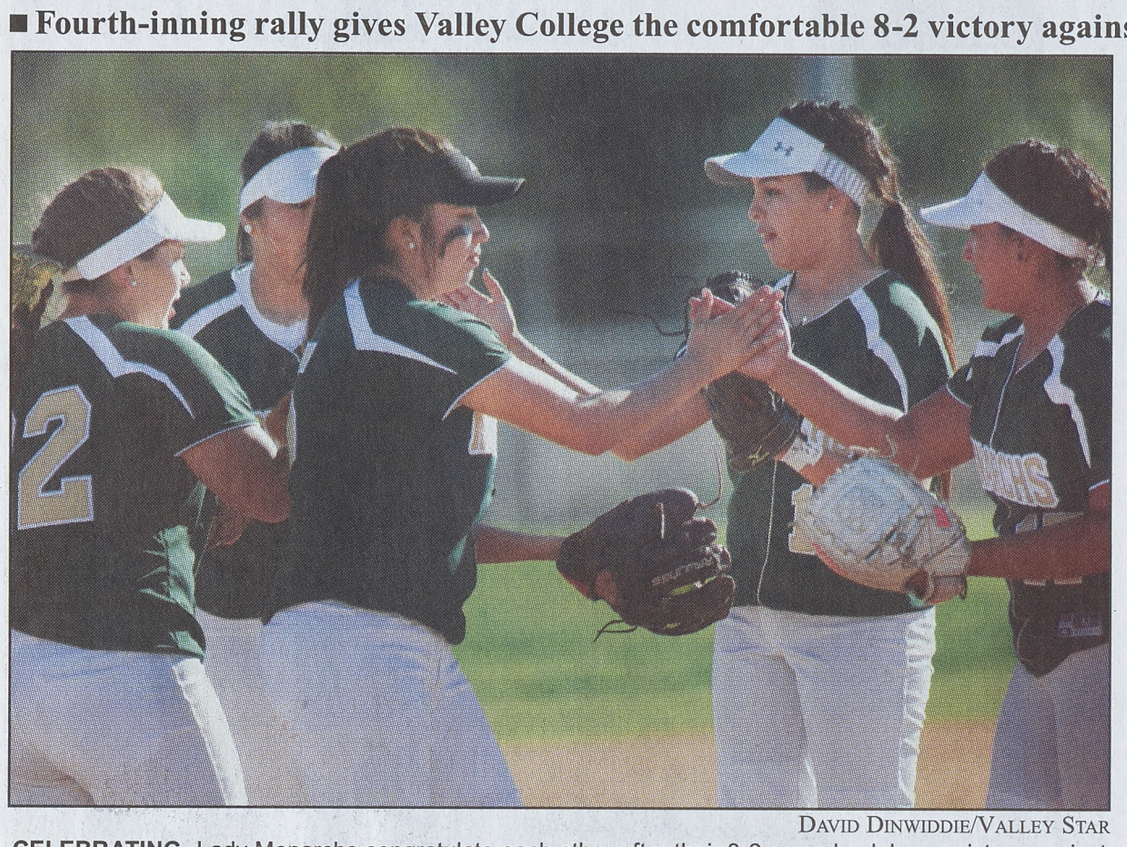
16583

Sports

SOFTBALL

Lady Monarchs gain momentum with win against Oxnard College

■ **Fourth-inning rally gives Valley College the comfortable 8-2 victory against Oxnard College on Tuesday afternoon at Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex.**



David Dinwiddie/Valley Star

CELEBRATING- Lady Monarchs congratulate each other after their 8-2 come back home victory against Oxnard College on Tuesday afternoon at Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex.

By Mikayla Foss
Staff Writer

What started with a close first inning finished as an 8-2 romp for Valley College. The Monarchs defeated the Oxnard College Condors on a warm Tuesday afternoon at their temporary home Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex.

"It was a phenomenal performance," said Monarch Coach Frankie Garcia. "When you go out and don't make any errors in this game, it makes a huge difference. It takes pressure off of the pitchers and our hitters, which is why we scored eight runs."

Oxnard got away with two runs right off the bat, but was quickly shut down in every following inning with great pitching by freshman Angelique Ramos and a fast-acting defense.

A walk to second baseman Amanda Ramirez and a home run by third baseman Rebecca Lucero put Oxnard on the scoreboard.

In the bottom of the first inning, Lady Monarchs Nelly Sepulveda, Janaiya Sarsbury, and Vanessa Gonzalez helped take the lead after a base hit, a triple, and a home run.

With the score 3-2 Monarchs, Valley freshman Abigail Guillen started the bottom of the fourth inning off strong with a line drive to left field landing her on first base. She advanced to third after a ground out and a strike out. Then with two outs, the Monarchs rallied.

After a walk to freshman Anna Belle Guillen, a single to right field by freshman Sabrina Juarez scored Abigail Guillen.

The rally continued when Valley catcher Cristina Colon's hard ground ball struck the foot of Oxnard pitcher Suzanne Silveira, loading the bases. Silveira was forced to move to first base, replaced on the mound by Lucero.

Guarding against overconfidence because of the unexpected pitching change, Monarch Assistant Coach Melissa Coombes yelled to her team, "Stay focused!"

With the bases loaded, Sepulveda hit a ground ball right by Silveira. As Silveira hobbled to the ball, Sepulveda made her way to second base with Colon and Juarez both scoring.

When the fourth finally ended, the Monarchs had a 7-2 lead.

Seven different players participated in the scoring, with loud cheers from the dugout throughout the entire game.

"These young ladies have the support that they need for each other, and have the confidence in each other," said Garcia. "We of course want to create an environment that is conducive to that, however, it's up to them to take it and implement it. They support each other tremendously."

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Juraz's single and Colon's triple brought Juraz home for Valley's final, six-run margin.

The Lady Monarchs won their second game in a row and third of their last four to bring their season record to 5-3.

"One of our goals as a program is to always, every single day, improve and chase perfection," said Garcia. "We have improved tremendously. That's how we get to a game where we only have one or two errors."

Unfortunately, Valley's winning streak was short-lived as they lost 8-0 to Allan Hancock College on Friday at home.

Valley's next home game will be against L.A. Mission College on Thursday, March 5 at 2:30 p.m.

David Dinwiddie /Valley Star

CONCENTRATING- Monarch freshman outfielder Janaiya Sarsbury locks down on the ball against the Condors on Tuesday in their home victory.

David Dinwiddie/Valley Star

GOING FOR IT ALL - Valley sophomore infielder Nelly Sepulveda swinging away against the Oxnard College Condors Tuesday afternoon in their 8-2 home victory at Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex.

'Sandhu'

continued from page 1

not running because we just got the idea from Santa Monica College, so we are still trying to work on it.

I am also trying to make students aware that there are scholarships here so they can use the scholarships to help them get through community college.

Q: When the person gets elected for presidency how will you welcome them?

A: I will welcome them and explain to them how things work. Because my first semester, I was basically learning on the fly.

Q: Do you have an idea of who will be running for president next semester?

A: At the moment, no, but I do know a lot of people from the current board will be running again.

President Sandhu's main goal is to help and bring change to Valley and the other schools in Los Angeles Community College District, but before that happens he must decide what school he will be going to after he transfers.

"This semester has been supper stressful because I have to decide which university to go to," Sandhu said. "There are so many options: like should I go more for football school, for educational school or a prestigious school. However, regardless where I go, I will come back here and try to bring change."

For additional content online - please visit:

www.thevalleystar.com
join the conversation

Sports Briefs

■ MLB

The newest pitcher phenom that is on the verge of becoming the new fan favorite of Dodger nation is 18-year-old Julio Urías. The Mexican native has caught the full attention of the Dodger coaching staff. He is the number two ranked prospect in the organization and number eight in the league, according to MLB.com.

■ NBA

The fifth place Los Angeles Clippers will have two crucial games this week, as they fight to climb up the Western Conference standings. The first match will be against the fourth place Portland Trailblazer on Wed. at the Staple Center at 7:30 p.m. Then on Sunday they will be heading up north to face the first place Golden State Warriors at the Oracle Arena 12:30 p.m.

■ NHL

The Los Angeles Kings are in a fight with the Calgary Flames for the last guarantee playoff spot in the Pacific Division. Both teams tied at 70 points and with less than 20 games left in the season the Kings cannot afford to blow anymore opportunities. The next way the Kings could make the playoffs is by clinching the next top two record of the West, with the Minnesota Wild currently holding the last spot. Their next match against the first place team in the East, the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday at the Staple Center at 7:30 p.m is a must win.

■ NFL

With free agency opening on Mar. 10, so begins the Wild West. The possibility that teams like the Raiders and the Jaguars could make some big signing since they have so much money to burn.

■ MLS

Even with the possible strike looming over the start of the season there are still transfer rumors being created. The first one is Sporting Kansas City is currently in Germany with hopes of signing Netherland international striker Rafael van der Vaart. The second rumor is Italian international striker Mario Balotelli has been reported by the Metro to be keen on signing with expansion side Orlando City SC.

■ Global Soccer

On Wed. the CONCACAF Champions League quarterfinals continue as DC United look to rebound and defeat L.D. Alajuense at RFK Stadium at 5 p.m. PST.

MONARCHS SPORTS CALENDAR

■ Baseball (6-5-1)

@Los Angeles Mission College- Tuesday 3/3 vs. Mission (5-5), 2 p.m.

@West Los Angeles College- Thursday 3/5 vs. West LA (3-9), 2 p.m.

@College of the Canyons- Saturday 3/7 vs. Canyons (7-3), 1 p.m.

@Citrus College- Tuesday 3/10 vs. Canyons (6-6-1), 2:30 p.m.

@Antelope Valley College- Thursday 3/12 vs. Antelope Valley (3-7), 2:30 p.m.

@Glendale Community College- Friday 3/13 vs. Glendale (4-10), 2 p.m.

■ Softball (5-4)

@Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex (Home)- Thursday 3/5 vs. Los Angeles Mission College (7-2), 2:30 p.m.

@Fullerton College- Saturday 3/7 vs. El Camino College (10-4), 11 a.m.

@Fullerton College- Saturday 3/7 vs. Fullerton (7-3), 3 p.m.

@Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex- Tuesday 3/10 vs. Santa Monica College (2-11), 1 p.m.

@Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex- Tuesday 3/10 vs. Santa Monica College (2-11), 3 p.m.

■ Women's Swiming & Diving

@Santa Monica College- Friday 3/14, Western State Conference Swim Meet # 2, 2:30 p.m.

@Valley College- Saturday 3/22, Western State Conference Dive Meet # 3, 10 a.m.

■ Men's Swiming & Diving

@Santa Monica College- Friday 3/14, Western State Conference Swim Meet # 2, 2:30 p.m.

@Valley College- Saturday 3/22, Western State Conference Dive Meet # 3, 10 a.m.